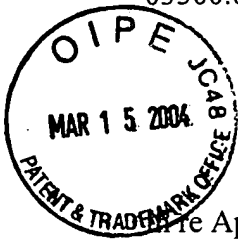


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Re Application of:

ISAMU SATO

Application No.: 10/043,126

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,  
AND MEMORY CONTROL  
METHOD FOR IMAGE FORMING  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition for a one (1) month extension of time from February 12, 2004 to and including March 12, 2004 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated November 12, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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